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1. Between 10 February and 4 March 1955, the signal unit stationed in Pasewalk was quartered in four tent camps in the area southeast of Pasewalk, north and east of Zuesedom, south of Wetzenow and west of Caselow. All units from the Pasewalk post were allegedly stationed in this area during the period mentioned. The units engaged in telephone training. No activities were observed in the barracks installations of the Pasewalk post during the period under review. ¹ 25X1
2. Between 13 February and 4 March, KVP soldiers conducted exercises in the woods in the area between the coast of the Baltic Sea, the border toward Polish-occupied Germany, and the Grambow-Pasewalk-Strasburg and the Strasburg-Ducherow railroad lines. The exercises involved the headquarters and units from the Kavallerie Kaserne in Pasewalk, units from Eggesin and Torgelow, Prenzlau and, allegedly, Ruegen Island, with all their weapons. The Hq Korps Nord was located between Papendorf and Wilsickow, west of Pasewalk. Pasewalk residents allegedly observed Ulbricht and Grotewohl en route to the headquarters during the exercises. It was rumored that Paulus also participated. On 4 March, the Pasewalk units returned to their post. On 5 March, an undetermined unit left for firing practices at Wustrow. ^{1 2} 25X1
3. On 11 March, 26 guns of approximately 50 mm with disk wheels with pneumatic tires were seen in the Kavallerie Kaserne in Pasewalk. Fifty to 60 of these guns were reportedly stationed in the installation. ³
4. On 10 April, all units stationed in the Kavallerie Kaserne in Pasewalk were at their installation. The unit which had transferred to Wustrow had returned. The following weapons were observed in the "Henschelmagazin" and the former stables of the installation: 37-mm and 85-mm AA guns, 120-mm mortars and AT guns, probably of 45 mm. Between mid-March and 10 April, small-scale march practices and night practices with guns were repeatedly observed. ¹

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- 5.. A Soviet general and Soviet instructors were still stationed in Pasewalk. The Soviet officers reportedly were to remain at the post, while their families were soon to return to the USSR.
6. In mid-April, KVP soldiers who had finished their term of service were to be discharged. KVP officers stated that many recruits were expected to arrive after Easter. Details of 3 to 5 recruits were repeatedly observed en route to the installation during the preceding weeks. 4
7. The construction of a troop bakery and a meat cannery was started east of Pasewalk between the railroad line and the Pasewalk-Stettin road. Gas and water works were also scheduled to be built.

8. Between 28 February and 4 March, a field exercise of Korps Nord which involved the corps headquarters, the divisional units and the reconnaissance battalions was held in the Pasewalk-Papendorf-Wilsickow-Strasburg-Blumenhagen-Viereck area. Two to 3 officers of each infantry regiment and officers from the MdI participated as observers. A Soviet general, 30 high-ranking Soviet officers and Brigadier Generals Rentsch and Wagner were also present.

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9. On 13 February, kaserne No 1 of the Stallberg installation was occupied by the artillery regiment and kaserne No 2 by the AT regiment. The ration strength of the artillery regiment was 900 men.

10. It was learned that KVP exercises were conducted in the Viereck area on 1 March.¹

11. At 1715 on 2 March, 6 trucks and 1 field kitchen with 40 KVPs wearing red-bordered black collar patches went from the Kavallerie Kaserne in Pasewalk to the Pasewalk station for entraining. At 1530 on 5 March, a column of 25 trucks, 10 x 37-mm AA guns, 1 ambulance, 1 field kitchen, 1 generator, 1 loud-speaker truck, 2 sedans with officers and 150 to 200 KVPs wearing red-bordered black collar patches marched to the Pasewalk railroad station and were entrained. The column presumably came from the Viereck area. At about 2000, the train left toward Neubrandenburg. At 2100, 2 KVP trains, which had probably arrived from the direction of Torgelow and Eggesin, were seen at the Pasewalk railroad station. The first train, which left at 2200 toward Neubrandenburg, carried at least 20 trucks, 4 guns of about 80 mm, 3 x 37-mm AA guns, 1 field kitchen and, on 7 boxcars, personnel. The second train carried only trucks. Its departure could not be observed. 2

1. Comment. In February and March, the units of Korps Nord continuously conducted exercises and firing practices in the Pasewalk-Jaegerbrueck area. The units of the Mtz Rifle Div Schwerin practiced in the Hagenow area.

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it is assumed that a major command-post exercise under the command of the headquarters of Korps Nord was held approximately between 28 February and 4 March.

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Units of the Mecz Div Potsdam were reportedly inspected at the Kkietz training grounds by Ulbricht and Paulus as early as 6 January.

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2. Comment. Between 6 and 21 March, AAA firing practices which also involved elements of the AAA Regts Altwarp and Pasewalk were apparently held at Wustrow. Elements of the AAA Bns of the two Mtz Rifle Divs of Korps Nord may have also participated.

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3. Comment. The AT guns and mortars, which were observed in Pasewalk, do not indicate a special unit. An ordnance depot of the corps may have been established there. Previous reports indicated that AT guns were exchanged.

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4. Comment. It is believed that an estimated 20,000 men are due for discharge after 3 years of service in 1955. It was previously reported that the personnel concerned were to be discharged between 5 and 20 May and between 5 and 20 November. At the same time, it had been announced that division exercises of the Mecz Div Eggesin were to be conducted in early April. It appeared that training activities were unexpectedly reduced after 1 April and that discharges began at that time.

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